

Dear Planning and Development Committee:

My name is Marianne Horn and I live at 36 Kenmore Road in Bloomfield, CT.

I am submitting this testimony for the **Public Hearing on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 11 a.m.**

I urge the Committee to support Senator Beth Bye's proposed language for Substitute SB 422 (An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water) for the following reasons:

- **Substitute SB422 will protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the Department of Public Health declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of state needs to stop.
- **Substitute SB422 will rescind water rate discounts for water bottling companies.** Water bottling facilities extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and make large profits, while citizens are conserving and paying more.
- **Substitute SB422 will rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water. There should be no discounts for corporations.
- **Substitute SB422 will re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) oversight committee** to ensure that the public is aware of how the MDC is managing our public water.
- **Substitute SB422 will impose a moratorium on any new discounted large capacity contracts by the MDC** until the State Water Plan is completed and can address the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of CT's watersheds.

I urge your support for **Substitute SB422** and thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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